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Attorney Docket: 32307-177799

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Eiichi HATAKEYAMA - U.S. Patent Application
METHOD FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Sir:

Please find attached hereto a patent application which includes:
Specification, Claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney form
Formal Drawings: 6 sheets (Figs. 1-6)
Certified copies of Japan Patent Applications No. 2001-045776 filed January 18,
2001 and No. 2001-157883 filed April 19, 2001. Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119.
Preliminary Amendment

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(1) Applicant, through his Japanese patent attorney,
hereby asserts that he is entitled to small entity status, and that small entity status is
entitled to be asserted for this application. Further, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(3), the
small entity fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(a) and 1.16(b) is being paid herewith.

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